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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Advances in the Sunday-School World

At the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations in its third annual meeting at Dayton, Ohio, the following actions of general interest were taken:

The Committee on Lesson Courses and that on Reference and Counsel were by constitutional provision made permanent. The latter committee (on Reference and Counsel) will consider the relationship of the council to other existing Sunday-school agencies and will confer with representatives of such agencies on all matters requiring co-operation or adjustment.

The report of the Committee on Lesson Courses suggests certain definite restrictions in the functions of the present International Lesson Committee, limiting the work of that committee to the completion of the present cycle of uniform lessons and the present series of graded lessons through the Senior department. All new cycles of uniform lessons as well as all modifications of present graded courses are to be undertaken by the International Lesson Committee only in conjunction with the Sunday School Council Committee on Courses of Study. The report further requests that the relation of the British section to the American section of the International Lesson Committee be an advisory relation only. The Sunday School Council Committee purposes addressing itself to the problem of better lesson courses for Sunday schools in foreign mission fields and courses of religious instruction for foreigners coming to this country.

Regarding the relation of the Sunday School Council to other interdenominational Sunday-school agencies, the secretary's report took cognizance of the recent action of the Federal Council of Churches authorizing the appointment of a Commission on Religious Education, and of the probable early necessity of a close co-ordination be-

tween the work of the Sunday School Council and the work of this new commission. This item in the secretary's report was, with other matters, referred to the standing Committee on Reference and Counsel. Regarding the request of the International Sunday School Association that the highest legislative body of each denomination nominate its representatives upon the International Lesson Committee, the Sunday School Council, by formal vote, resolved: "That it is our judgment that for the present no action be taken by the denominations or conventions in regard to the nomination of members on the International Lesson Committee."

The Committee on Reference and Counsel was authorized to prepare a map of the United States indicating the location of denominational and interdenominational (American Sunday School Union) Sunday-school missionaries and field workers. This distribution of workers together with additional data relating to density and character of population is to be tabulated as a basis for possible adjustments between the various denominations themselves and between these denominations jointly and the interdenominational agencies now engaged in the work of Sunday-school extension.

An annual survey of denominational Sunday-school activities and progress including a new type of vital educational statistics was authorized by the council.

The officers of the council for the ensuing year are: President, R. Douglas Fraser, D.D., Toronto; Vice-President, Edgar Blake, D.D., Chicago; Secretary, Henry H. Meyer, D.D., New York; Treasurer, Mr. D. M. Smith, Nashville; chairmen of sections and committees: Editorial Section, I. J. Van Ness, D.D., Nashville; Educational and Extension Section, B. S. Winchester, Ph.D., Boston; Publication Section, Luther H. Cary, Boston; Committee on

Lesson Courses, J. T. McFarland, D.D., New York; Committee on Reference and Counsel, A. J. Rowland, D.D., Philadelphia.

Model Standards for Sunday Schools as Adopted by the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations and the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association, Dayton, Ohio, January 20-24, 1913

One of the greatest advances ever made by the Sunday-school world was the unanimous action of two great bodies, representing fifteen million Sunday-school workers on the continent of North America, in adopting the following document:

1. That the International Sunday School Association and the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations recognize it to be the right and responsibility of each denomination to determine standards for its own Sunday schools.

2. That the International, State, and Provincial Associations be requested to promote denominational standards in denominational schools.

3. That all Sunday schools meeting the requirements of their denominations be known as standard schools.

4. That standard schools meeting the requirements of the State and Provincial Associations, in addition to their denominational requirements, be known as international standard schools.

5. That no denominational school shall be recognized as a standard school or as an international standard school, until it has conformed to the standard of its denomination.

6. That the Sunday School Council and the International Sunday School Association jointly prepare and issue a leaflet for use by the International, State, and Provincial Associations,

giving in full the Sunday-school standards of each denomination.

7. That all denominations be urged to adopt Sunday-school standards.

8. That each denomination be urged to include at least the following points in its requirements for a standard school:

- (1) Cradle Roll.
- (2) Home Department.
- (3) Organized Bible Classes in Secondary and Adult Divisions.
- (4) Teacher Training.
- (5) Graded Organization and Instruction.
- (6) Missionary Instruction and Offering.
- (7) Temperance Instruction.
- (8) Definite Decision for Christ Urged.
- (9) Offerings for Denominational Sunday-school work.

(10) Workers' Conferences regularly held.

(The above ten points are the minimum requirements for a standard school. Any additional denominational points required will be included in the leaflet as provided for in Section 6 above.)

The following three affiliation or association points were adopted as the minimum additional requirements for an International standard school (see Section 4):

(1) Offering for interdenominational Organized Sunday-school Work.

(2) Annual Statistical Report to County Association.

(3) Attendance at Annual County Convention.

9. That the International, State, and Provincial Associations be requested to promote the foregoing standards, together with such other requirements as provincial and territorial needs may make advisable among schools having no denominational standards.

10. It is understood that the above recommendations apply likewise to Union Sunday schools, except in the matter of denominational offerings.

CHURCH EFFICIENCY

A Year of Celebrating

A movement to "crystallize Lutheran sentiment and bring out Lutheran consciousness," to culminate in 1917 with a

nation-wide commemorative celebration of the four-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, has been announced by a committee of Lutheran clergymen in New York